

## CREW WAGES DEADLY RACE WAR, SNAKES BREAK LOOSE, AND YAKS CHASE OFFICERS

New York.—Heave-ho, me hearties! Gather round and listen to Capt. Grant while he spins his latest deep-sea yarn. Oh, yes, it's true—every word. Capt. Grant of the good ship Brilliant has had salt in his whiskers these 40 years, and has the respect of all who know him.

When the Brilliant reached here after a sensational voyage of 115 days from Hongkong, the captain told his tale.

"There was something doing every hour from the day we left Victoria Island," he said.

"My Norwegian crew deserted ship for a big drunk at Hongkong and I recruited the best I could find—Las-

cars, Chinese and Hindus, and oh! how they loved one another before we were a day at sea. It was just one terrific fight after another, night and day.

"But that was child's play alongside the events following the ship's arrival in tropical waters. One afternoon about 3 o'clock the entire crew rushed on deck like madmen and went up the masts into the rigging, splitting their throats with yells.

"I hurried down to the deck. There I saw several objects squirming near to the deckhouse. Four boxes, containing 200 cobras and other venomous reptiles, consigned to the New York zoo, had broken from their fastenings and the whole mess of snakes was loose! Well, do you think I could get one of those crazy sailors down out of the rigging to help kill those snakes? Not on your life. My officers and I got clubs and we killed them—and we were just three weeks on the job! The snakes wiggled into dark crevices everywhere from cockpit to forecabin and we worked night and day chasing them. The crew stayed in the rigging most of that time!

"We had just about got the snakes cleaned up when five yaks began to suffer from the terrific heat in the Straits of Sundae. We took 'em from their cages and, by gosh, they suddenly went mad and chased us all into the rigging again. One of the officers got a gun and we finally killed the heat-crazed beasts and threw them overboard.

"The factional warring among the different nationalities in the crew kept up and every day I expected murder.

"I've been at sea a good many years, but never have I seen anything to equal the excitement of this voyage. The next time I take a mixed crew it won't be yellow and brown, believe me!"

### A BLESSING



"Your wife doesn't sing as much as she did a few years ago, does she?"

"No. We have two children now to take up her time."

"What a blessing children are, aren't they?"

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Admiral Prince Henry of Prussia, brother of the kaiser, has invented and patented an electrical device for cleaning windows of automobiles in rainy or frosty weather. The device is set in operation by the pressing of a button.